

PEACE PROSPECTS.

A Satisfactory Conclusion Confidently Expected

OF AGUINALDO'S OVERTURES.

The Matter Will be Settled When the Insurgent and United States Commissions Meet—Some Preposterous Tales Told by the London Filipino Junta—Campaign of Misrepresentation.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A despatch to the Herald from Washington says a satisfactory conclusion is expected by administration officials from the conference which will be held by the American Philippine commission with the commission which Aguinaldo proposes to send to Manila.

In his dispatch to the war department to-day, Gen. Otis announced that Aguinaldo has sent a messenger to him expressing a wish to send the commission to "arrange terms of peace." The administration officials express the opinion that this commission will submit to President Schuman and his associates the answer of Aguinaldo to the propositions made by the American commission to Col. Arguilles, Aguinaldo's emissary, regarding the character of government which would be given to the Filipinos and which Arguilles declares would be satisfactory.

It is probably apparent to the Filipinos that there is nothing to be gained by conducting negotiations for the purpose of obtaining a temporary cessation of hostilities. Gen. Otis will not grant an armistice, and he does not propose to stop fighting no matter how many peace emissaries Aguinaldo may send to Manila unless they agree to unconditionally surrender. In his despatch, Gen. Otis shows, despite the fact that Aguinaldo states his purpose to send a commission to arrange peace, he is making preparations to continue military operations. He has been making preparations to attack Bacolor, where nine thousand insurgents are believed to be encamped, and it is presumed that the movements reported to-day still have that point as an objective. Gen. Lawton is making excellent progress in his northward march, and the despatch of Major Kobbe with 1,500 men up the Rio Grande, supported by gunboats and caissons, is for the purpose of enabling Gen. Lawton to cross the Rio Grande without molestation by the enemy.

The plan apparently contemplates the rapid swinging of Lawton to the west, Gen. MacArthur to remain at San Fernando, between the insurgents at Bacolor and those at Mexico, and Kobbe is to take a station so as to prevent them from crossing the Rio Grande. MacArthur is also needed at his present position to protect communication with Manila.

JUNTA LIES

Spread for Possible Effect—What Funny Fables are Circulated.

LONDON, May 15.—The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo, dated from Hong Kong under date of May 12:

"The Filipino government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war, at all costs, until independence is secured."

"The Filipinos energetically refuse the American peace overtures, based on restricted autonomy coupled with promises of subsequent self-government."

"The Filipinos demand a strict fulfillment of the articles of the American constitution and treaties contracted by the American representatives when imploring a Filipino alliance in combatting the Spaniards."

"All the Filipino generals support Aguinaldo. Gen. Luna's reported overtures for peace are untrue. Our army is near Manila, simultaneously attacking the whole American line."

"The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All the hospitals are crowded with sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati regiment have been imprisoned by Gen. Otis for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops quartered in Manila and other towns are quiet. The volunteers are abused and are always at the front, with scanty rations."

"The discontent between the Americans and Europeans is general."

ZAMBOANGA GARRISON

Besieged by Insurgents to be Relieved by the Americans.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A despatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Manila says: On May 7 the Spanish garrison at Zamboanga, Col. Boriz commanding, was attacked by insurgents with arms which were taken from the Spanish gunboats before they were transferred to America.

The garrison fought valiantly against this inexplicable aggression, driving the insurgents back and completely repulsing them. The Spanish general, Montero, governor general of the province, was seriously wounded, as were also Major Olimo and Captain Biulla, who was mortally hurt. Lieut. Granadas was slightly wounded, one soldier was killed and three wounded. The insurgents suffered severely.

An American merchant ship, the Don Hermanos, which happened to be in port, was immediately dispatched to Holo. Captain Cano called the facts to Gen. Otis at Manila, who cabled to Madrid. The government replied to put the transports Leon XIII. and Puerto Rico at the Americans' disposal for the evacuation of the Spanish garrison.

Rios asked for the evacuation a long time before. He states that it is necessary immediately. He held a conference with Gen. Otis yesterday. The Spaniards are capable of holding the place temporarily. The above transports are being inspected for the purpose of transferring American troops to Zamboanga.

EASY TO DEFEND

Our Troops Will Immediately Take Charge of Mindanao.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—It is expected at the war department that Gen. Otis will take steps at once to replace the Spanish garrison at Zamboanga with United States troops. The indications are that a comparatively small force will suffice, provided that it is supported by one or two gunboats. The place is one of great strategic importance, being the capital of the island of Mindanao, the second largest in the Philippine group, and a good seaport. It was to this point that the Spanish forces retreated from Jolo when that town was evacuated without notice to the American forces. The town is easily defensible with a small artillery force.

The fact that the insurgents are in possession of rapid fire guns makes the situation at Zamboanga more serious, but it is not believed here that they have a large supply of the ammunition necessary to operate the weapons, which will consequently soon become useless to them.

Through unofficial agents the government here has been quietly making investigation into the state of affairs in the Sulu group just to the south of the Vizayas Islands, with a view to determining whether by good management the inhabitants cannot be brought into allegiance to the United States without insurrection. The natives are generally Mohammedans, and owe allegiance to a sultan whom the Spaniards have never been able to bring into more than nominal submission. He maintains a harem and lives in state, and it is probable that an annuity will have to be provided for him out of the revenues of the islands after the United States takes possession.

Handsome Court Room.

DETROIT, Mich., May 15.—The United States circuit court room in the new government building, which is claimed to be the most elaborate court room in the country, was used to-day for the first time. The occasion was a sitting of the court of appeals of the sixth federal circuit, which usually sits in Cincinnati. The judges presiding were United States Circuit Judges Taft, of Cleveland, and Lorton, of Clarksville, Tenn. Judge William R. Day (ex-secr. of state), who is one of the judges of the sixth circuit, was unable to be present. His chair was taken by District Judge Seyver, of the district court at Grand Rapids.

Twenty-eight varieties of marble are used in the finish of this court room, that material covering the walls for two-thirds of the space from the floor to the vaulted ceiling. The finishing, decorating and furnishing of the room cost about \$60,000.

No Victory at All.

LONDON, May 15.—The cable dispatches announcing that Dick, Kerr & Company, of London, have secured an order for three hundred tons of steel guard rails to be used on the new Boston elevated railroad, have been treated by the newspapers here as an industrial victory for Great Britain and as a reply to the granting to a Philadelphia firm of the contract to erect a bridge over the Athabasca river in the Sudan. A representative of the Associated Press saw Mr. Kerr, the senior partner of the firm, to-day. He said:

"It is no victory at all. Three contracts from New York, Boston and Philadelphia, were given to us without solicitation and simply because the American mills are overcrowded. A few years ago English firms had all this branch of the business and they held it until the American mills took up the work."

Rockefeller's Manager Suicides.

NEW YORK, May 15.—George D. Scott, for the past two years manager of the Tarrytown estate of John D. Rockefeller, committed suicide at Tarrytown to-day. He shot himself over the head with a revolver and the bullet passed through his head, coming out at the top. Death was almost instantaneous. Scott had been suffering from mental trouble and was undoubtedly insane when he killed himself. He was forty-eight years of age, married, and leaves a widow, but no children. Scott came to take charge of Mr. Rockefeller's estate from Cleveland two years ago.

Four years ago Mr. Scott was injured about the head by a trolley car in Cleveland. For a long time past he had been complaining. Yesterday he was examined by a physician, who informed him that he was suffering from irritation of the brain.

Some More Heresy.

NEW YORK, May 15.—It is stated that Prof. McGiffert, of Union Theological Seminary, accused of heresy, has sent a letter of defence to the stated clerk, the Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, to be presented to the Presbyterian general synod, which meets in New York to-morrow. Prof. McGiffert declined to talk about the matter, but it was stated by Rev. Dr. C. W. Knox, of the seminary, that the letter had been forwarded. Seven presbyteries have overtured the general assembly to take up the McGiffert matter, and one of the New York commissioners acted yesterday that the action of Pittsburgh presbytery in passing it by had led to a misapprehension. That the presbytery, he said, had in no way reacted, but, feeling that seven having acted it was not needful for it to do so.

Prize Money Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The United States supreme court to-day decided the prize money case of the French steamer Gladiateur. The first of the naval prize money cases growing out of the Spanish war, to reach the court. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Fuller and directed that the vessel, which was captured off San Juan, Porto Rico, on the 17th of July last, and has been held by the United States government since, shall be returned to its owners on the ground that it was not proven that the prize money was intended to enter the blockaded port. The court held incidentally that the blockade of San Juan was effective.

No Lack of Volunteers.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "Within a few weeks a fully organized battalion of Porto Ricans wearing Uncle Sam's uniform, will be performing duty on their native island under the direction of American officers. The organization of the command was authorized by Secretary Alger. Reports show there is no lack of volunteers."

Extra Session Prospects.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—A member of the administration who is in a position to know the views of the

SUMMER CATARRH

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Mr. John Harting, 633 Main St., Cincinnati, O., writes: "My wife and myself took your Pe-ru-na for chronic diarrhea and it cured us. No doctor or medicine we tried before helped us."

Mr. Edward Wornick, Ledbetter, Tex., writes: "Pe-ru-na for bowel troubles is unequalled by anything in my experience. I owe my life to Pe-ru-na, and shall always recommend it to those suffering as I was."

Mr. John Edgerton, 1020 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years. I took Pe-ru-na and am now well."

President on the subject, said to-day that the probabilities were against an extra session of Congress being called. He thought that the President had given the subject some thought, but he was reasonably sure that no call would be issued except in some unlooked-for contingency which would make it necessary.

NEAREST NEIGHBOR

In the Planetary System—It is the Planet Eros—Will Only be 13,000,000 Miles Away Next Year.

Our nearest planetary neighbor in the whole system of celestial bodies has been discovered only recently.

Within the past few years so many little planets, with no particular interest attached to them, have been found by observant heaven-searchers that astronomers paid scarcely any attention to them, but less than a year ago one became known which is peculiarly interesting from the fact that it will enable the astronomers to find out a whole lot of things about the sun, moon and stars.

This asteroid was discovered by Herr G. Witt, of the Observatory of Urania, in Berlin. He was not looking for a new planet, but desired to take a photograph of the heavens at that time showing the faintest possible bodies. For this purpose he used an extremely sensitive plate, and made a long exposure. His instrument was a photographic telescope. While making the exposure, he kept the telescope so guided as to counteract the diurnal movement of the heavens, and to fix each star, sharply and distinctly. There was something, however, when the plate was developed, that did not appear as a distinct dot, but in the form of a short streak. This indicated that it was some body that had been in motion during the exposure, and at first it was set down as merely another of the unimportant asteroids, which 432 had already been discovered. But it soon became famous.

"D. Q." the planet was first labeled, according to the system in use among astronomers for temporary use. The first discovery of an asteroid was labeled A, the next A. A, and so on to A Z. Then the B series began, followed by the C, D, E, and so on. The planet was Q in the D series. This label is kept until an official investigation is made of the character of the stranger. Then if it has no special value the label is exchanged for a number, and "D Q" would have become simply "432" if it had not been proved to be worth a special christening. The honor of naming it, when its unusual worth was learned, according to custom, devolved upon its discoverer, Witt, who named it Eros.

Eros is worth more from an astronomical viewpoint than all the other 432 asteroids taken together. Yet this much-prized discovery has added to our system only a small and by no means brilliant asteroid. It is thought to be smaller than either of the known satellites of Mars, and probably not more than seventeen miles in diameter. It would take two millions such bodies to make one the size of our moon. It is the location of its orbit in which this planet moves that makes it of so much interest to the people who dwell upon the earth. As soon as the known positions of Eros on three different dates had been made the astronomers made a chart showing the path in which this planet moves, and it was discovered that it would approach in one part of its journey close enough to our planet to afford some valuable observations. At its nearest approach it will be nearer the earth than Venus, Mars or any asteroid can ever be, and as distance is the greatest barrier which prevents the astronomer from learning those things which he is most anxious to know, this opportunity of observation at close range is welcomed shortly.

The visit of our little neighbor is expected about the end of 1900, and every astronomer in the world will turn their telescope toward it. This does not mean that we shall be in any danger of running into the little planet, or it into us, for it still will be 13,000,000 miles away, about one-seventh of the mean distance of the sun from us. But this is close for a planet.

Its distance will be measured with the utmost care, and from this it is expected that the distance of the sun can be calculated with an accuracy heretofore impossible. At present, it is possible that the estimated distance is at least 50,000 miles out of the way. It is the astronomical ambition to know the distance of the sun in exact terms, for the heavens—the standard, the unit. Eros will enable us to determine the size and weight of the sun with greater precision and to compare it with the great star Sirius. By observing it we shall be able to follow more accurately the movements of comets and to measure other elements of the moon will feel its influence, and all departments of astronomy will be aided by it.

At the time of its discovery Eros was of the eleventh magnitude, but when nearest the earth it will rise to the sixth magnitude. As it takes Eros about 644 of our days to make a revolution, while the earth makes it in 365 1/4 days, and as their orbits are in different planes, the two planets seldom approach so closely. After their proximity in 1900 they will not meet again for sixty years. The different rates of speed at which the earth and Eros move toward the observer on the earth to make the latter appear to be turning backward in its course, at times, just as when one is in a rapidly moving train, and passes one going in the same direction at a slower rate it appears as if it were going in the opposite direction. The

inclination of the planes of the orbits of the two planets also cause some apparent vagaries in its movements, but all of these can readily be accounted for by the astronomers.

BENWOOD NEWS.

Local Happenings of Importance in a Busy Town.

An effort was made yesterday to secure the release on bail of Edward Hepe, arrested Sunday night near Schad's crossing by a deputy, on a charge of violating the injunction, and as bail has been taken in other cases the chances are good for the young man's release. Judge Jackson is expected to come to Wheeling this week, so he will not have very long to wait for trial. The arrest was not for any generally known reasons, but he is supposed to be charged with holding out as a motorman. His parents, Councilman and Mrs. August Hepe, are grieved considerably over the affair.

Master Alva Bryant was the successful contestant last night, in the Junior Epworth League Demorest silver medal contest, at the M. E. church, held under W. C. T. U. auspices. The other contestants were girls, as follows: Lucy Powell, Olive Leach, Bessie Noel, and Aletha Bell. The medal was presented by Mrs. W. J. Hamilton to the winner, and the judges were: Mrs. Bell Cain, Mrs. J. F. Rose, of Wheeling, and Miss Hendershot, of Moundsville.

The stranger who was beaten Friday night, on account of his foolish boasting that he came here to "black sheep" on the cars, left the city building yesterday for parts unknown. He was drunk the night he got his bumps, and after he sobered up a wiser and sorer man, he claimed he was a soap salesman, and he said the beating served him right. He wasn't injured as much as was first reported.

A Benwood man is thinking of investing money in a bus line from Benwood to Wheeling, and if he decides to make the venture he will put several fine teams and wagons on the road, with rapid service and a regular schedule. He believes with many others that the strike will last for months yet.

The newly installed officers of the Epworth League are: President, M. E. Gorman; first vice president, Miss Dora Davis; second vice president, Mrs. Jacob Sigler; third vice president, C. E. Carrikan; fourth vice president, Miss Maude Bowers; secretary, Miss Edith Morgan; treasurer, John Varner.

A drummer rode from Wheeling on a car yesterday morning, getting here about 8 o'clock. His arrival passed without notice, probably on account of the early hour, and he walked to the ferry landing minus any disturbing thoughts.

Joseph Lubie, son of Major John Lubie, was married Saturday evening, to Miss Barbara Subisic. The ceremony was performed in Pittsburgh. The young couple will live in North Benwood, and on their return Sunday night they were tendered a cordial reception.

There will be no developments in the telephone controversy until council's next meeting a week hence, when the committee will present the Independent's ordinance.

The Rempke-Riddle wedding, which will occur at the M. E. church to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock, will be a society event of more than ordinary interest.

The Pabst-Curran building has progressed above the first story, and when completed it will be a handsome structure.

A convention of Croatian lodges will be held in Benwood to-night, and a large number of delegates is expected.

Dr. Warden and wife, of Grafton, are visiting Mrs. Warden's mother, Mrs. A. L. Pelly.

MOUNDSVILLE BUDGET.

Yesterday's News From Marshall County's Chief City.

Hubert Bonar died at his home on Bowman's Ridge, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, of consumption. He was twenty-two years of age, and was a leader in church and educational work in the community in which he lived. The funeral will occur at the Bowman Methodist Episcopal church this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow, of Fairmont, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will meet the members of the union of this city in a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Beam, on Tomlinson avenue, this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

The Masonic lodge of this city will entertain the Wheeling and Cameron lodges at their hall here this evening. Every Mason should be present, as some special work is to be done.

Mr. Peter Crow and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jane Crow, who is visiting her relatives in this part of the state, left yesterday morning for Cameron, to visit friends.

Misses Nanon Hendershot and Annie Sunderland attended the Demorest medal contest at Benwood last evening. Miss Hendershot was chosen as one of the judges.

Dr. D. J. State left yesterday morning for Monroe county, Ohio, to look after the interests of the American Oil Company in that field.

The Epworth League celebrated their tenth anniversary by very appropriate services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night.

S. A. Carney, of Littleton, called on his brother, Dr. W. J. Carney, as he was passing through the city yesterday.

Messrs. John Tugman and Joseph Riley, of Muncie, Ind., are the guests of William Mandar on Tomlinson avenue. John Pierce has been appointed administrator of the estate of Joshua L. Talbert, late of Webster district.

The Symphony Orchestra will meet with L. H. Stewart, of East Seventh street, to-morrow evening.

Mrs. M. Supler, of Ryerson Station, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, of Tenth street.

Miss Taylor, of Armstrong's Mills, O., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morningstar, of Jefferson avenue.

Miss Belle Crow has returned to her home on Sixth street, from a visit to Cameron friends.

Rev. D. W. Ruble and family are the guests of Mrs. Ruble's parents, near Parkersburg.

Miss Estella Houston, of Burdette, Pa., is the guest of relatives in the city.

Miss Mary Roberts is the guest of friends on Taylor's Ridge.

W. O. Gamble was in Wheeling yesterday.

That'll be Nice.

LONDON, May 15.—Mrs. Choate, wife of the United States ambassador, will present at the queen's drawing room to-morrow, in addition to Mrs. Alfred Parish, her sister, and Mrs. Jennings, of Philadelphia, and Miss Nora Keef, of Chicago, Miss Mary Stollman, of New York.

In the diplomatic circle Mrs. Choate will present Miss Choate and Miss Eliza, a niece of Mrs. Choate, and Mrs. and Miss Leishman, the wife and daughter of the United States minister to Switzerland, J. G. A. Leishman.

A Binding Tie.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The commercial cable company's steamer Britannia has arrived at the Azores and will start this week to make soundings for laying the strand which is to connect Germany and the United States. Every effort is being made to hasten the laying of the new cable, and it is expected that the section between this country and the Azores will be in working order by fall.

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